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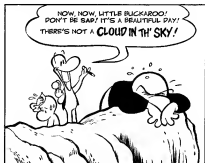
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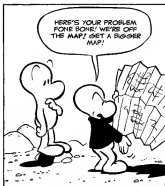
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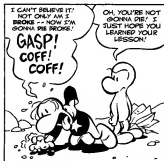
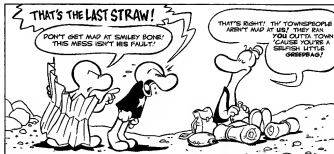
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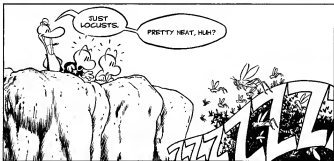
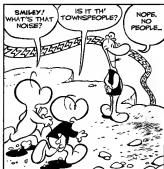




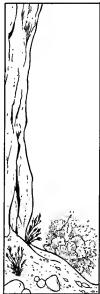
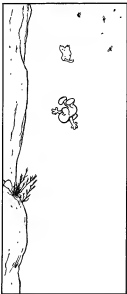














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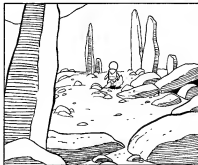


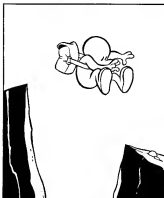




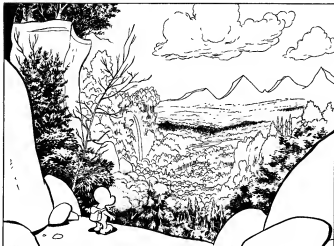


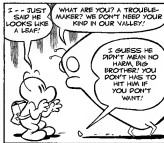
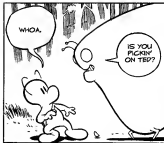


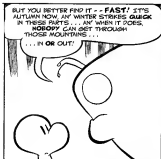


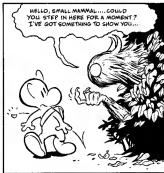






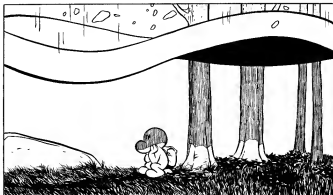












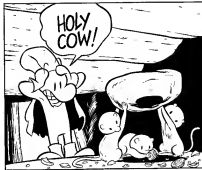
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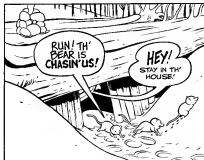
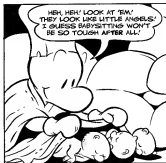










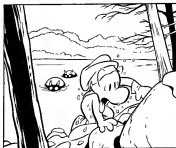


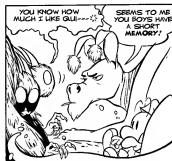






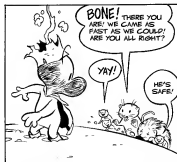






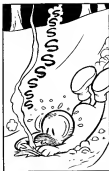


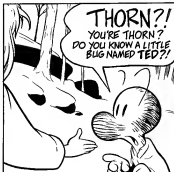
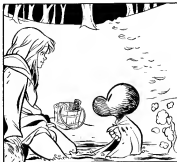


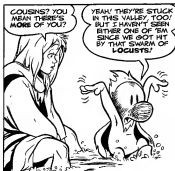


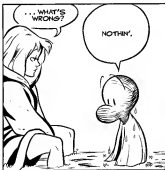


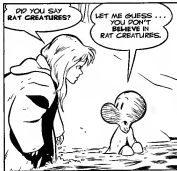
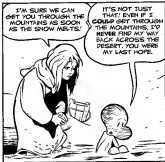


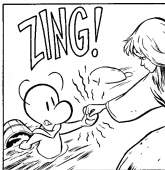
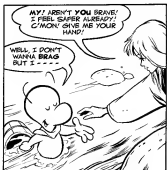


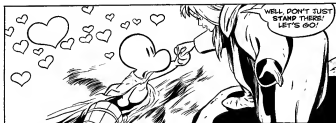






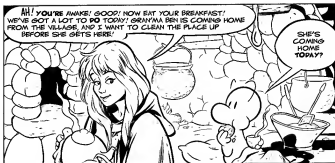


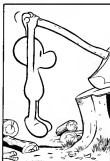
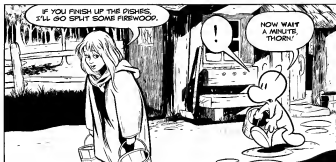


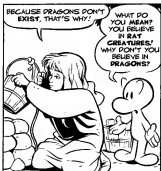


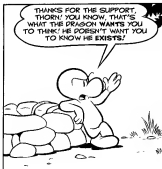
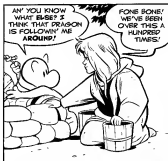


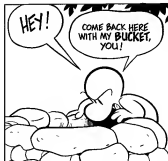


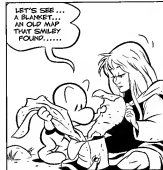
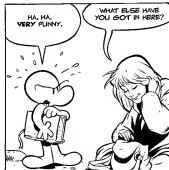
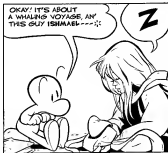


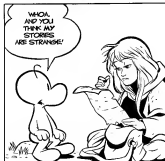
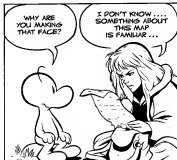
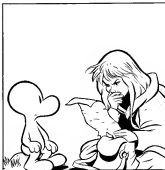












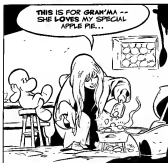
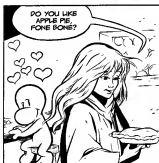
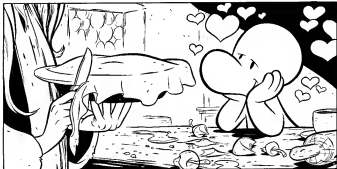


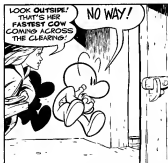
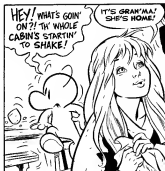




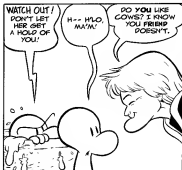
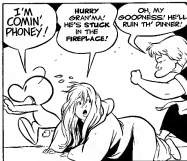


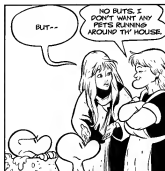




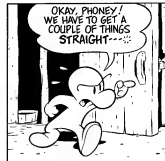






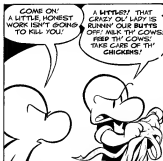


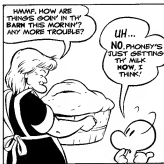


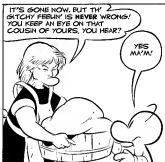
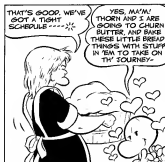


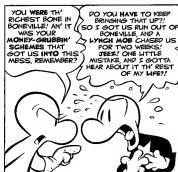


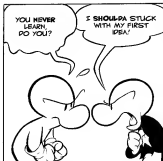






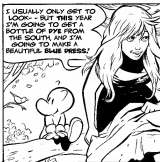
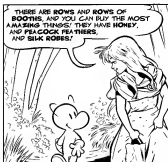
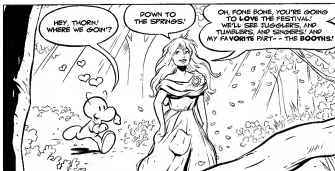










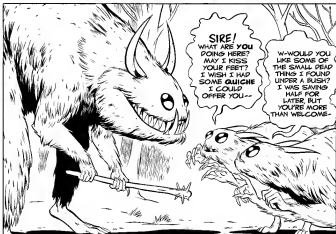




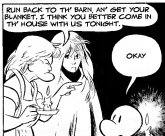












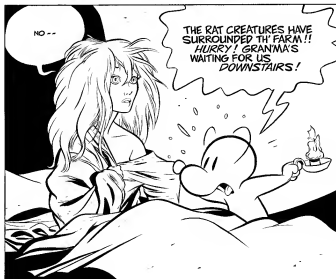




















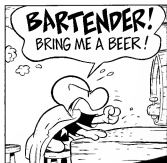


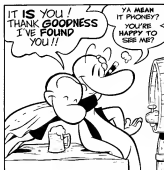


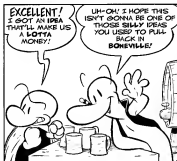




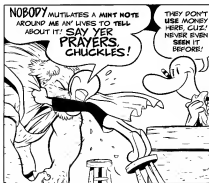


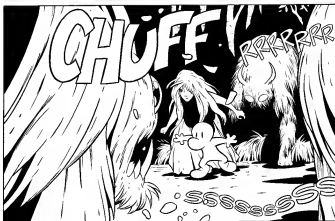










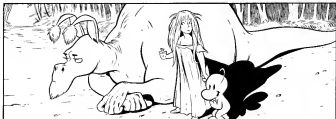


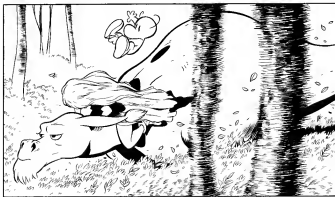












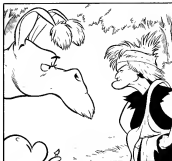






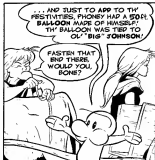
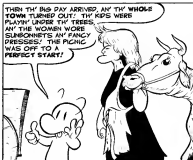


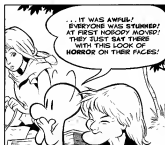




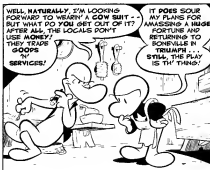


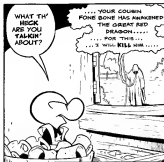
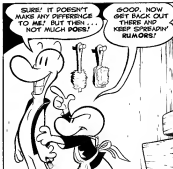
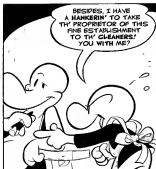


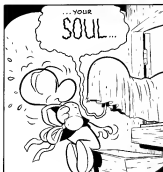
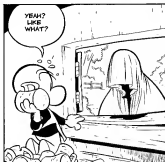
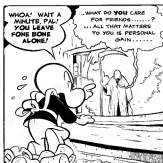






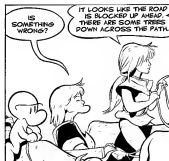


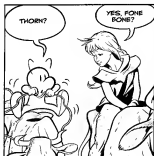






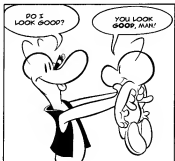
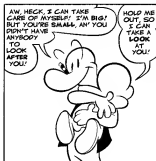




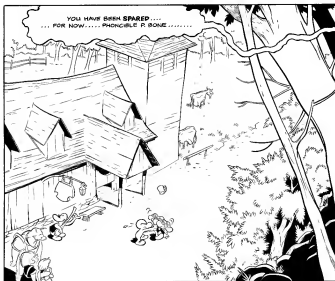












Book Two

The Great Cow Race



THE SPRING FAIR! DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT, FONE BONE? THE SKELETS! THE COLORS!

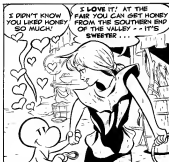
I HAVE TO ADMIT -- THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD WAY TO WIND UP OUR ADVENTURE!

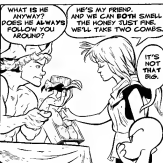
SO WHY THE LONG FACE? YOU FOUND YOUR COUSINS, AND IN A COUPLE OF DAYS YOU'LL BE HEADING BACK TO BONEVILLE!

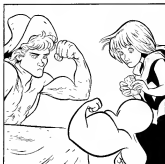
YEAH, AFTER PHONEY AND SMILEY FINISH WASHING PISHES TO PAY OFF THEIR ROOM AN' BOARD!

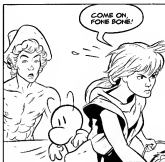
SO, CHEER UP! G'MON! LET'S ENJOY OURSELVES! WE ONLY HAVE A FEW MORE DAYS TOGETHER!

SIGH.

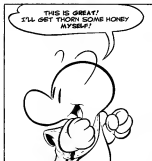


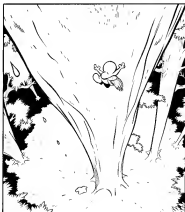


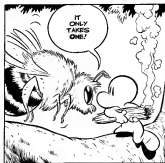


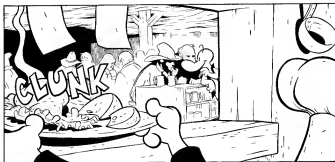


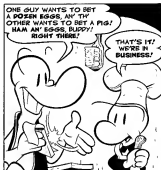














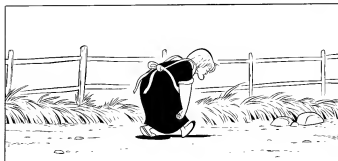


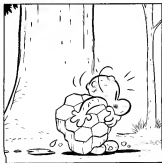




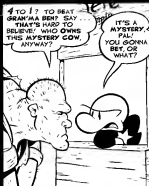


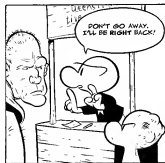
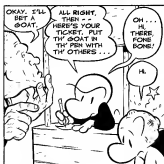
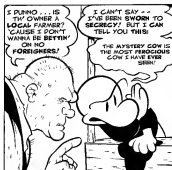


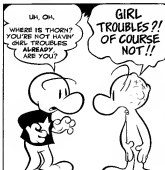
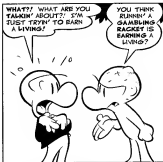


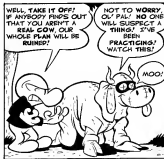


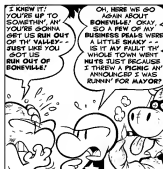


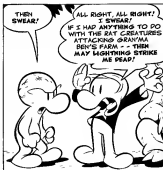


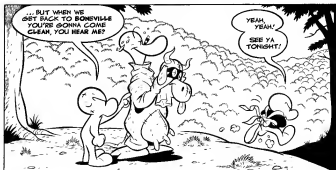
















YOU MUST TURN
BACK.
I WILL GO
ON WITH THE GIRL.

HURRY!
HE
IS WAITING!











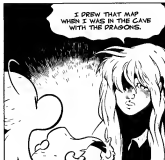


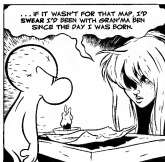


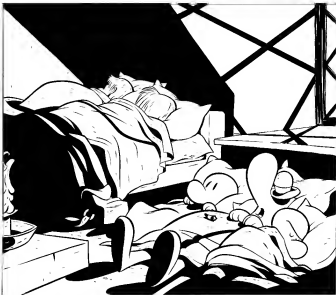
















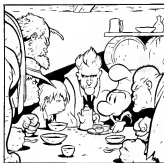


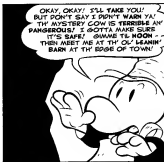


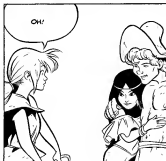




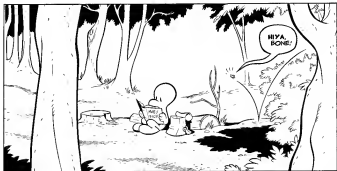


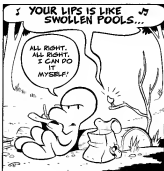




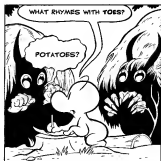


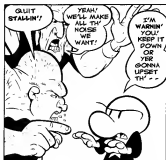




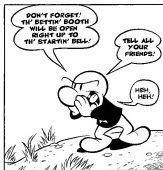


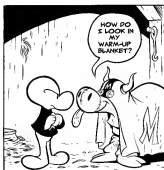








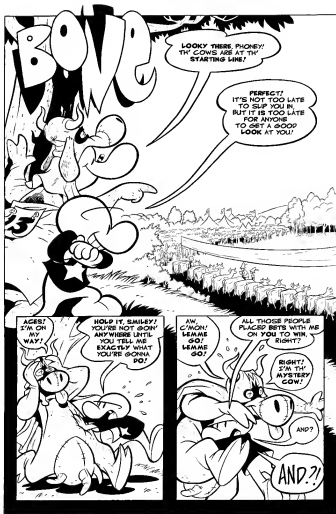






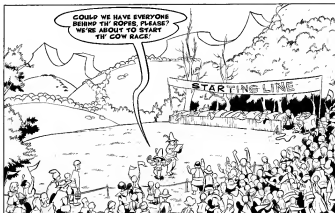








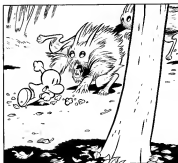
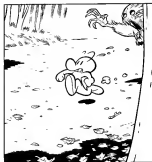














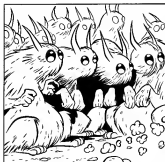




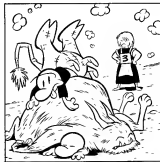
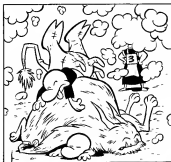


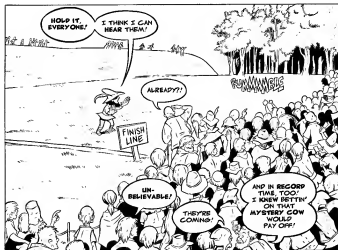


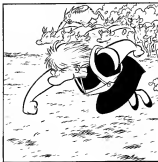
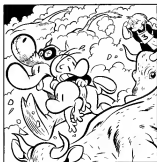


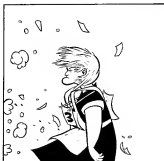


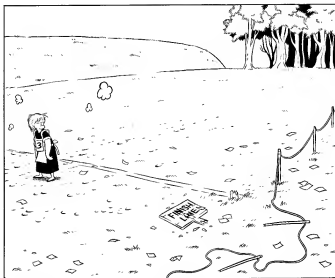












HOT DIGGITY DOG!!
THAT WAS TH' BEST COW RACE EVER!



... NOW TO
GET MY HANDS
ON THOSE
BONE BOYS!



BONE

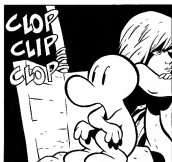
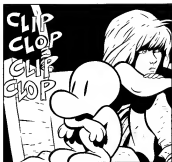


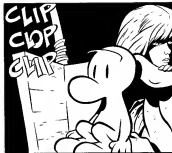






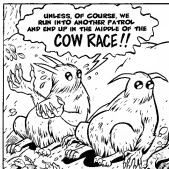






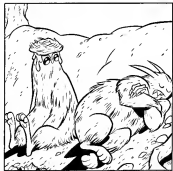
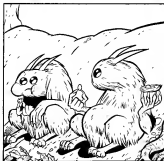










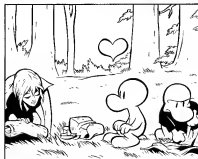


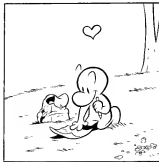
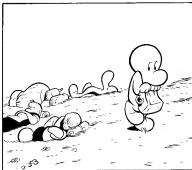
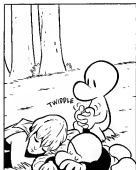


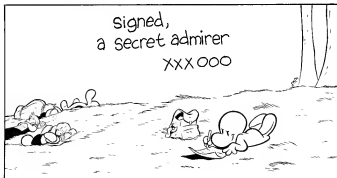
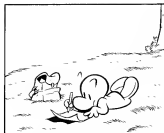










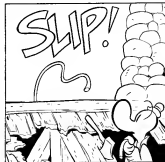


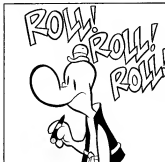
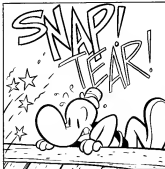




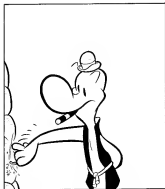








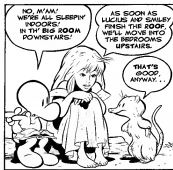


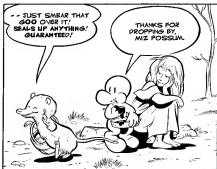


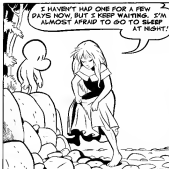
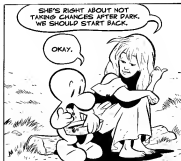
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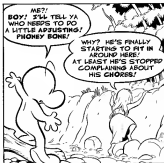
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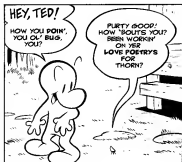




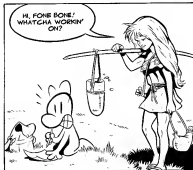


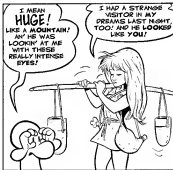
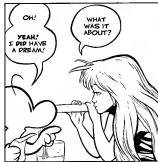


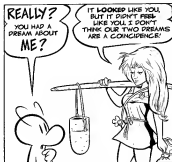


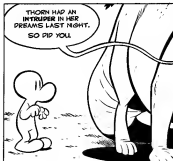
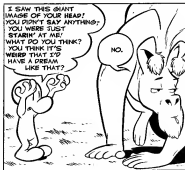






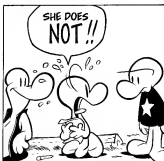




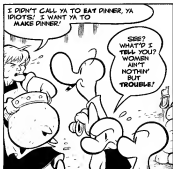
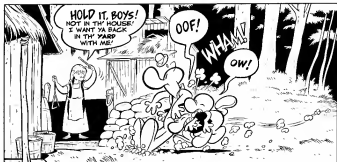


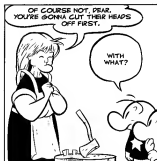










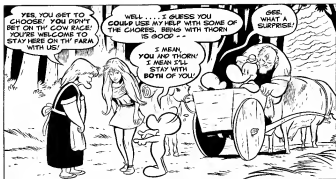






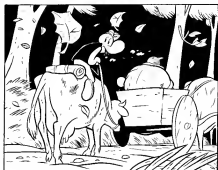


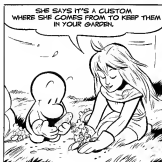
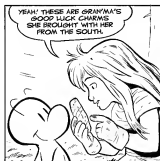
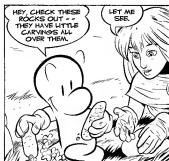
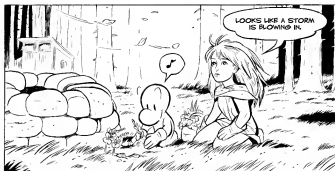


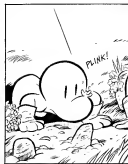
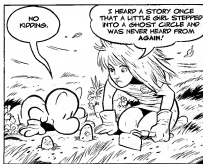
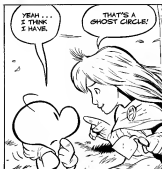
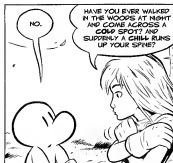








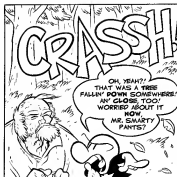










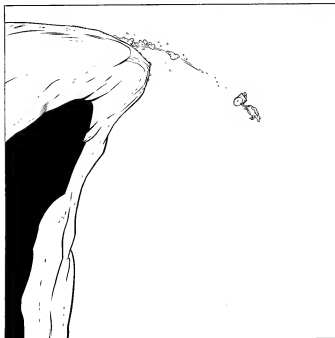


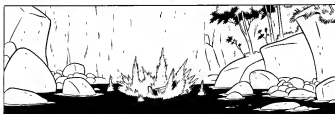


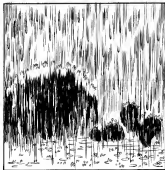
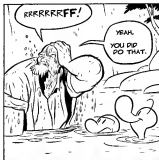


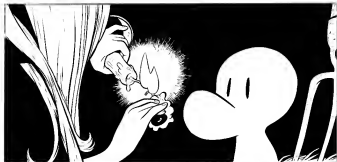


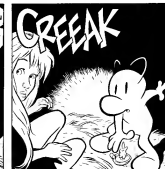


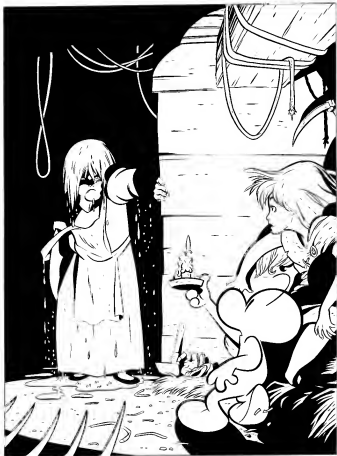






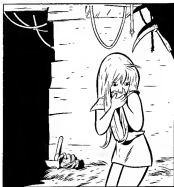


























RUMMMMMBLE





IF HE
GOES AROUND
US ONE MORE
TIME
I'M SONNA
BLOW ...



NO.

JUST
CHECKIN'.

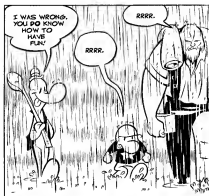
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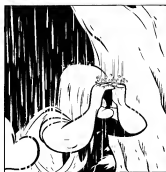






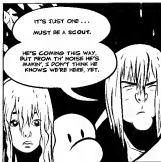
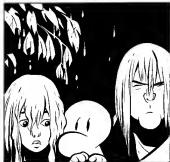


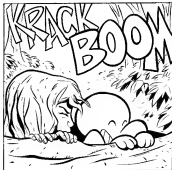
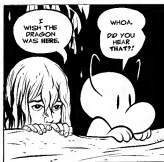


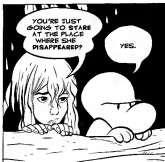
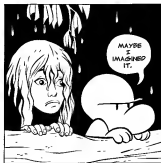
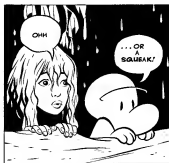


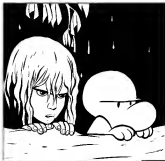




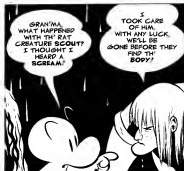








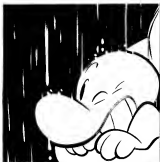
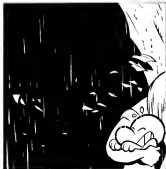
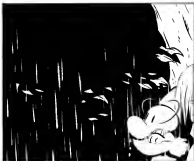


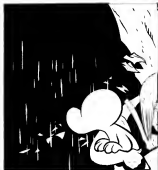












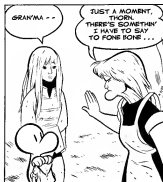
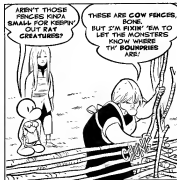
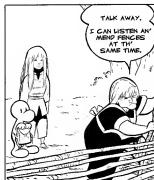


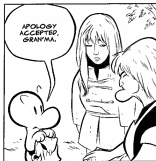
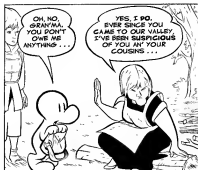


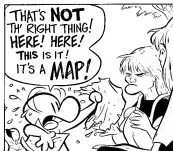
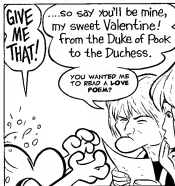


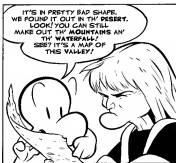






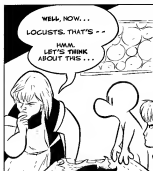






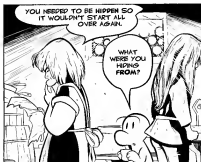


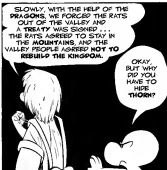
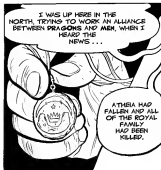
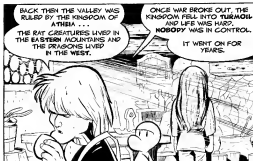




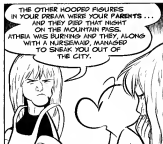


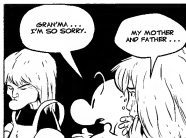


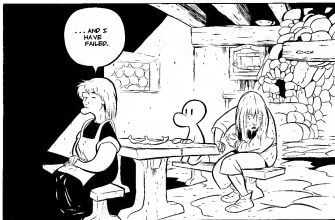




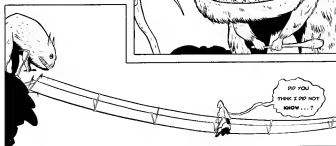
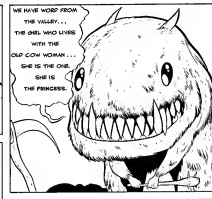


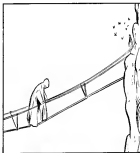




















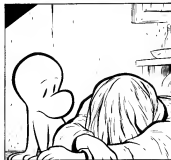
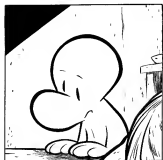


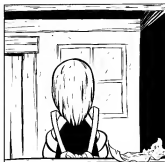




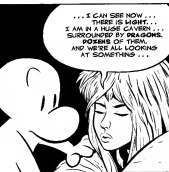
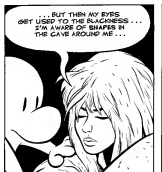


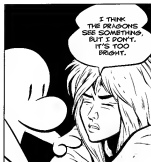


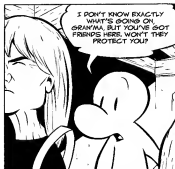


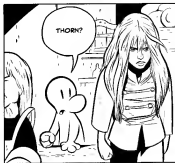
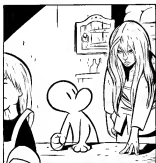


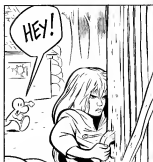
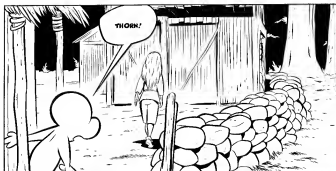




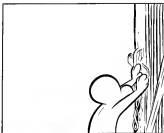
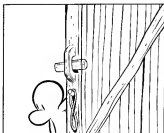


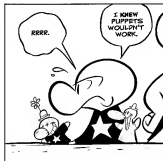






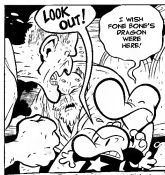










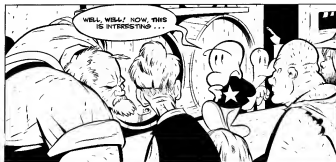






















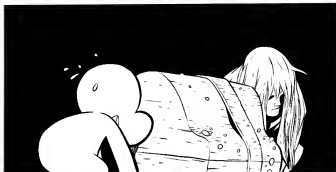


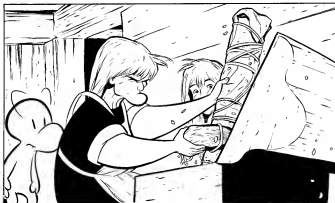


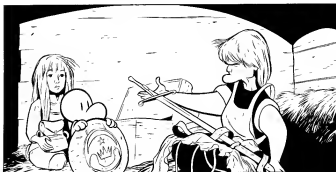
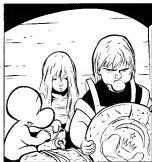


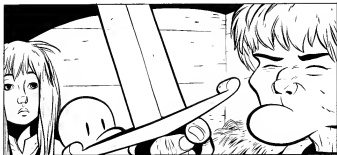














Phoney Strikes Back

Book Four

The Dragonslayer



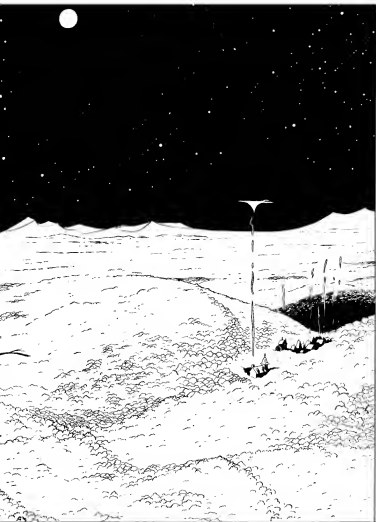




















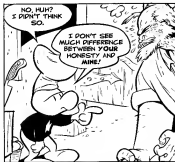












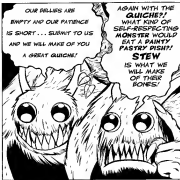
























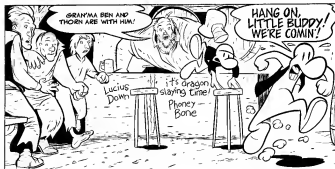




DRAGON!!



























BOVE

OOOOH! Oh!

THIS IS TERRIBLE!
AND IT'S
ALL

**YOUR
FAULT!**

SHUT UP,
AND
GRAB SOME
LEAVES!
WE
HAVE TO
STOP
THE
BLEEDING!

BOVE

HE'S DEAD!!
KINGDOK'S DEAD!

WHAT ARE
WE
GOING TO
DO?!

HE'S NOT
DEAD!
HE JUST
FAINED!
HE'S
LOSING
TOO MUCH
BLOOD!

Oh!
Oh!
Oh!

HURRY! PUT
PRESSURE ON THE
WOUND!



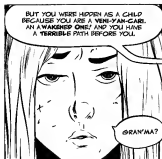












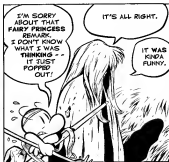
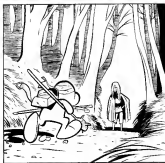


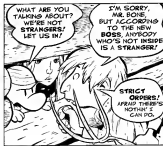


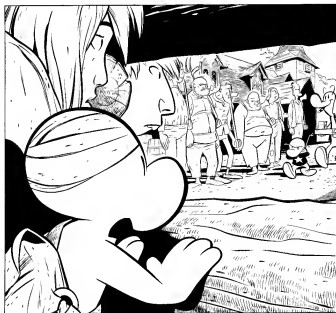












BONE

COME.

YOU
WISH TO
APPEAR
BEFORE
US?

YES,
MASTER.

WHAT
NEWS
DO
YOU
BRING
US?

I
SEND YOU
NEWS OF THE
SOUTHERN
FRONT

PROGRESS.

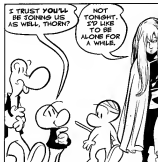






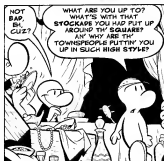


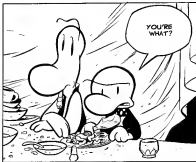










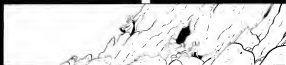








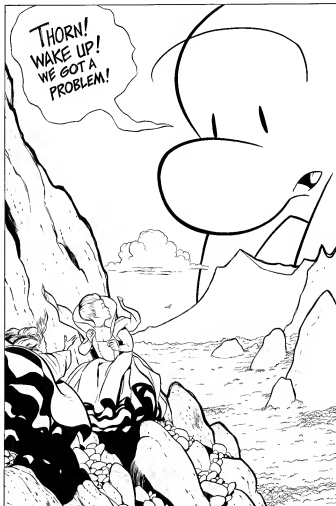






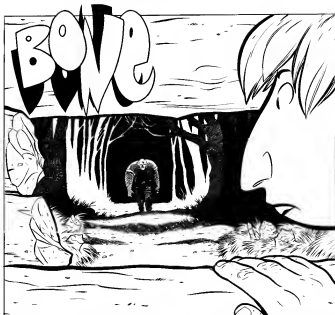




































JUST GOT ME THINKIN', THAT'S ALL

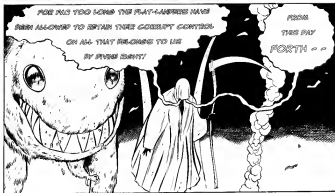








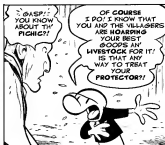






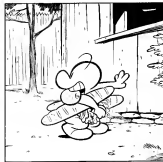
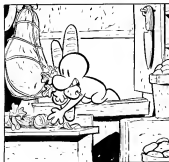
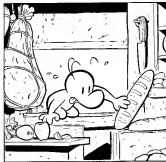
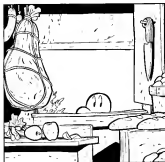


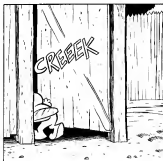
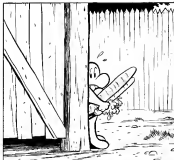


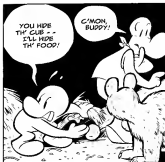
















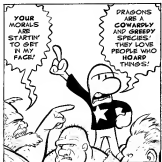


























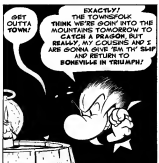






























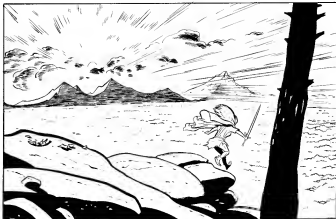
VERY WELL.
IF IT IS YOUR DESIRE,
I WILL TAKE YOU HOME
TO THE FARMHOUSE.

NO.
I WILL GO
BACK TO MY
FRIENDS.

I NO LONGER
WISH TO GIVE UP.

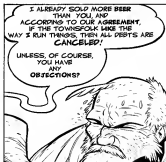
WELL,
WELL....

IT
SEEMS TO ME
THAT YOU ARE
ALREADY
AWAKE!





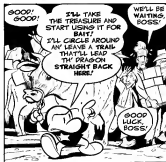


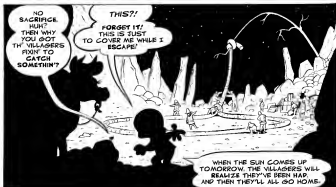


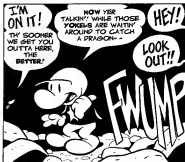














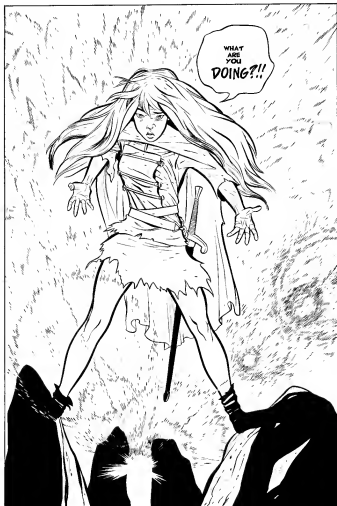


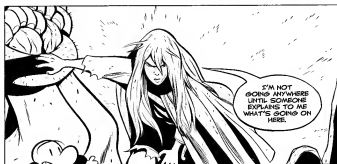


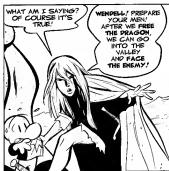
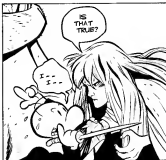




























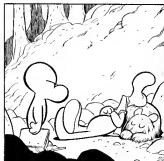
Book Five

Rock Jaw: Master of the Eastern Border



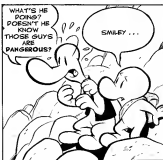


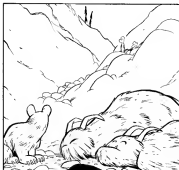


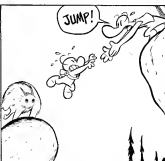
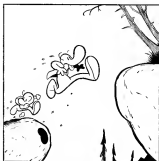


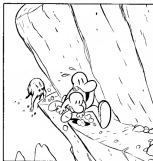




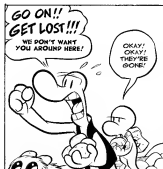






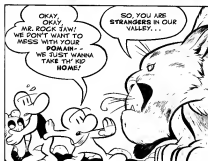


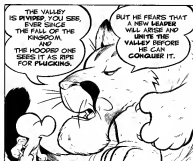
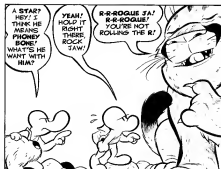


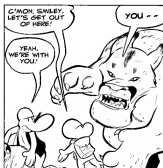


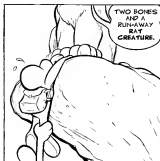


























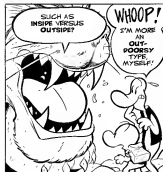


JEEZ!
WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT YOUR PARENTS, PER GOSH SAKES!

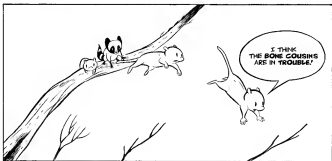














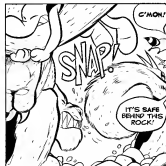


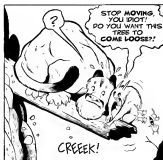






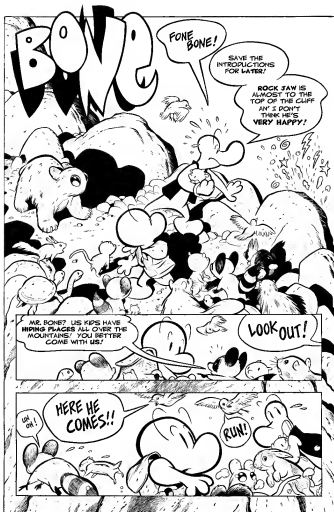




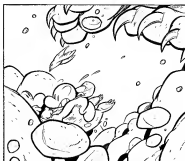


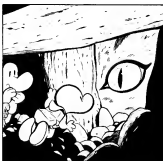
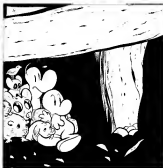


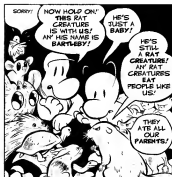
















SKRITCH!



WATCH IT.
WE'RE IN SOME
HUGE OPEN
SPACE NOW.

SKRITCH



JUST
A
LITTLE
FARTHER!
WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE!



I HOPE SO.
IT'S GETTIN'
A LITTLE
STUFFY
IN HERE.

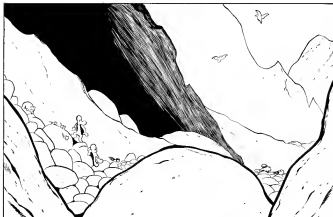
THIS IS IT,
SWILEY!
THIS IS THE
OPENING!
I'M OUTSIDE!
WHOA.



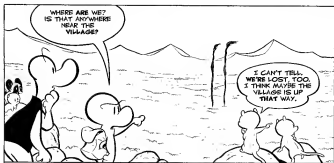
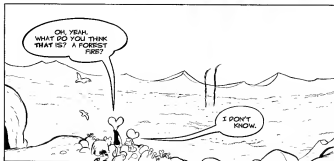




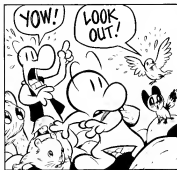




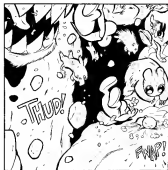




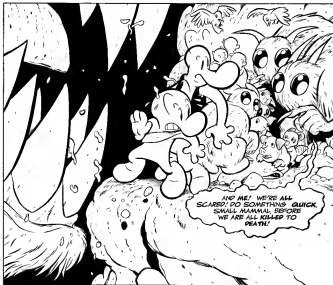










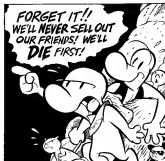










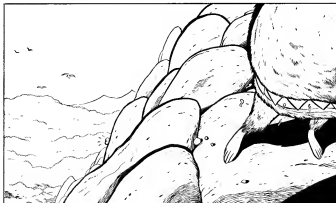






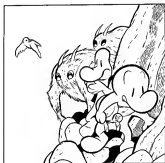


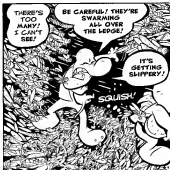
















HANG ON, LITTLE PAL!

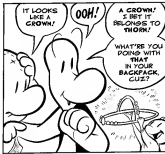


NO!
I HAVE TO GET THOSE BUGS OFF MY COUSIN!

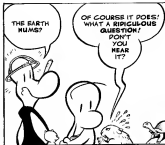






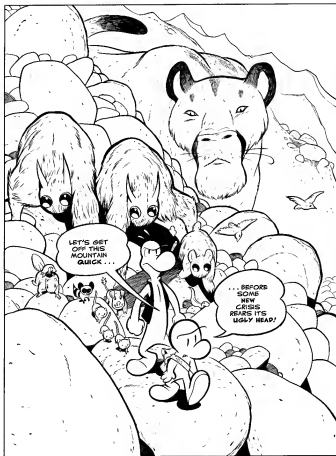




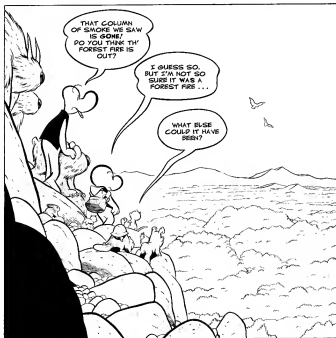






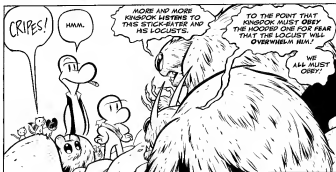
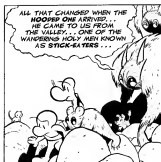


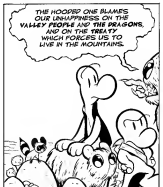






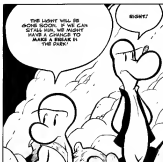
























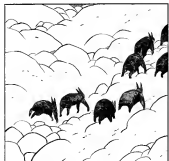
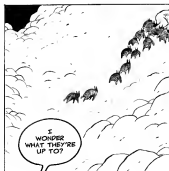


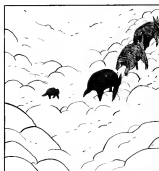












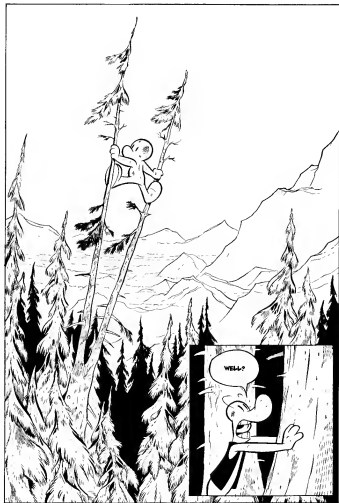




Book Six

Old Man's Cave

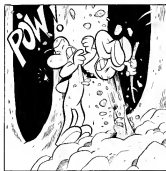
















BONE

SHE
FOUND
THEM!
SHE FOUND
TANNER AND
HIS FAMILY!

THEY MUST'VE
BEEN HIDING
IN THE ROOT
CELLAR.

SHE SHOULD'VE
STAYED DOWN!
THEY'LL NEVER
MAKE IT
ACROSS TH'
CLEARING
WITHOUT
BEING SEEN!

COME ON,
THORN.
COME
ON...

HURRY!
GET IN HERE!

THERE'S
TWO PATROLS
COMING!





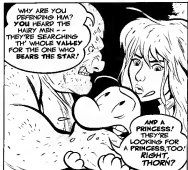










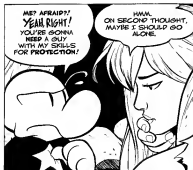




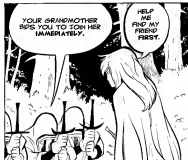














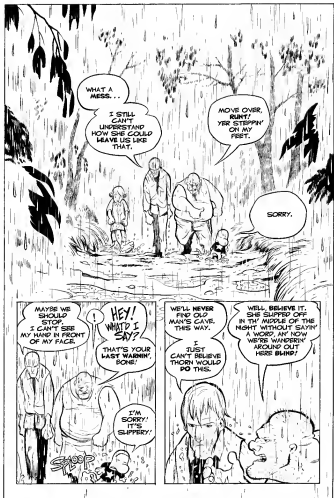


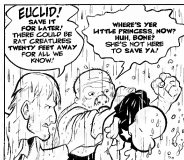








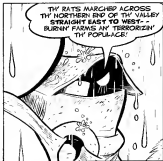






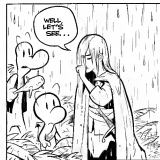
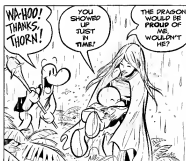


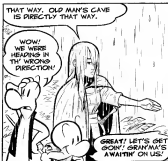
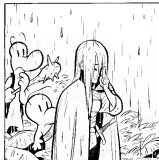


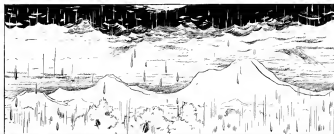












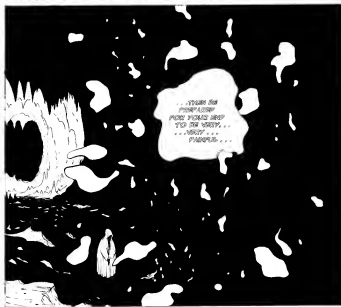
... BUT MY LORD,
I OWE THESE RUMORS
OF KINGDOM'S DEATH
AS PROOF THAT THE BONES ARE
POWERFUL MAGICIANS ...

HOW ELSE CAN HE
EXPLAIN IT?
KINGDOM WAS ATTACKED, YES ...
BUT HE LIVES!

... YOUR
CONNECTION WITH
THESE
OUTRAGES ...
ESPECIALLY THE
ONE WHO
THREW THE STAR ...
WAS TO CONVINCE
US ...

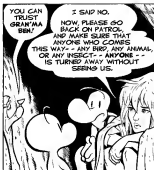




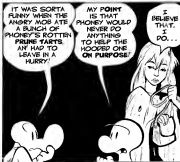
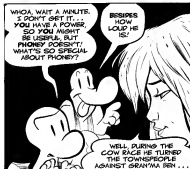
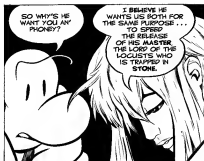


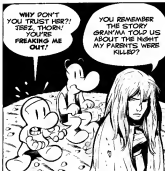
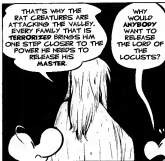


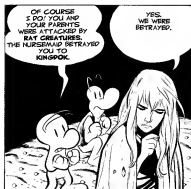


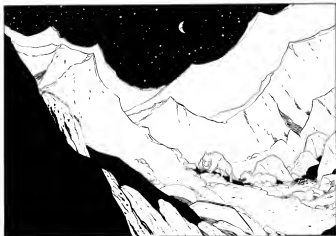








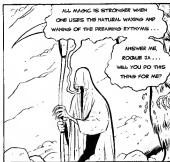










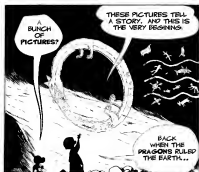


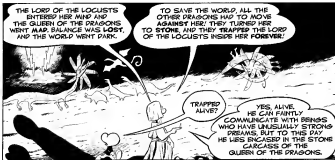


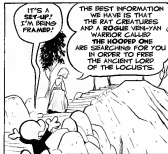




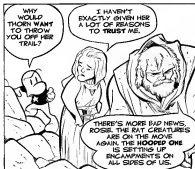


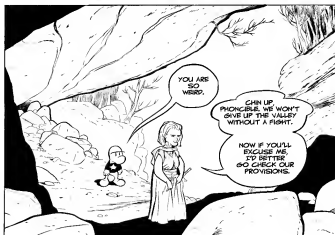




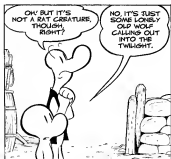








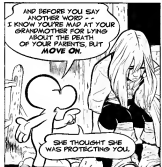
































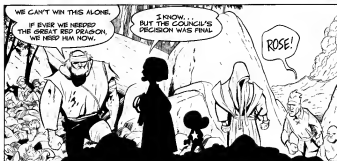














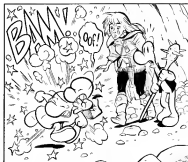
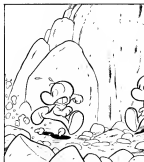


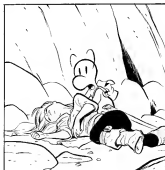


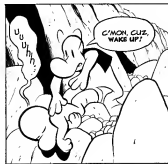
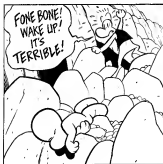








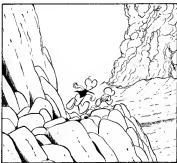
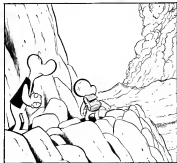






... BUT JUST BARELY.
YOU MUST HURRY
OR SHE WILL
DIE.





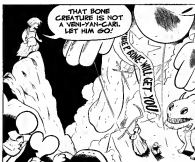


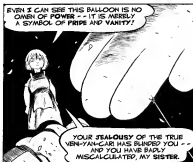




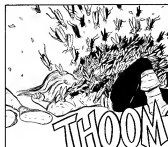


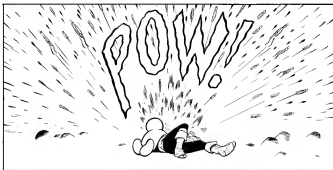














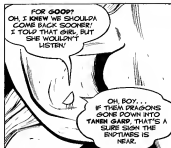


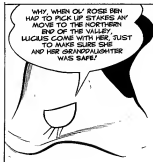
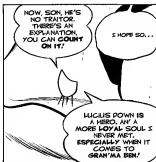
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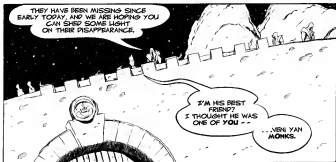








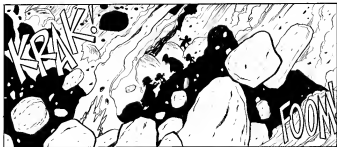


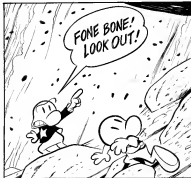


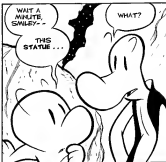
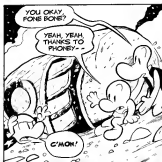






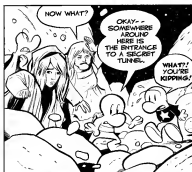




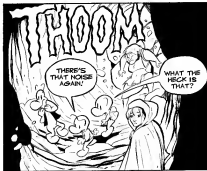














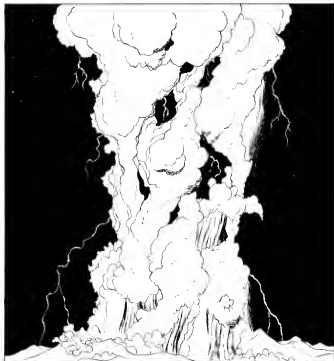


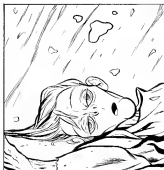








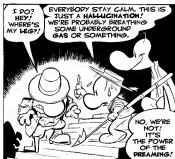


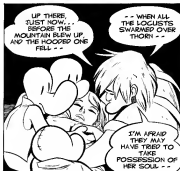








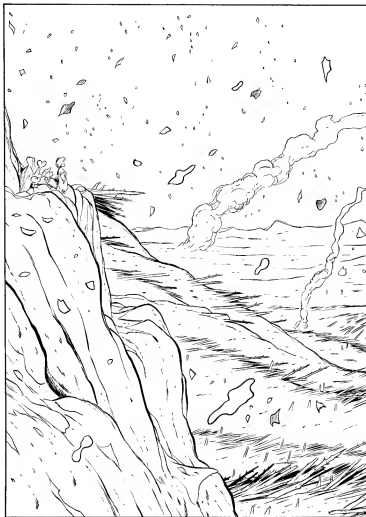


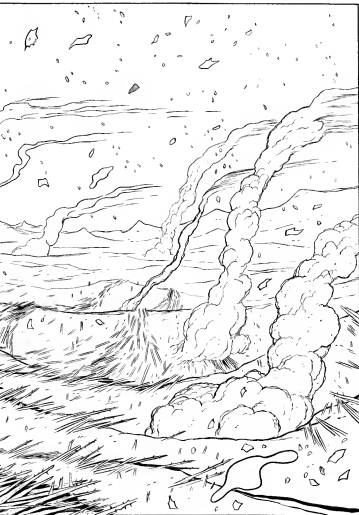


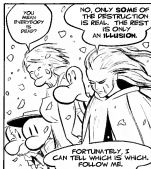


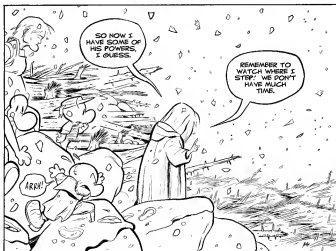
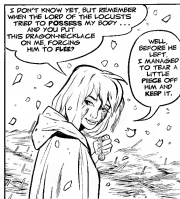


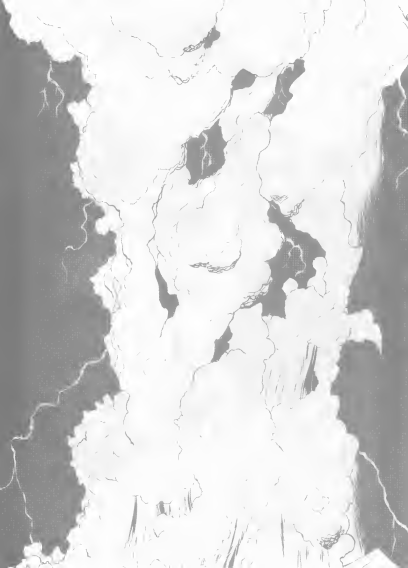












BONE

HEY!
FONE BONE!

ISN'T THERE AN
EASIER WAY
TO GO BESIDES
CLIMBING OVER
EVERY TREE
IN OUR PATH?!

FOR THE
MILLIONTH
TIME!
NO!

WE
HAVE TO
FOLLOW
THORN'S
FOOTSTEPS
EXACTLY.

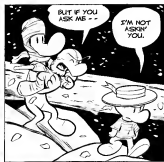
NOW STOP FUSSING
ABOUT PHONEY.
THIS IS DANGEROUS!
ALL THIS ASH
IS SLIPPERY!

IT'S
HARD ENOUGH
TO SEE AND
BREATHE ...

... BUT IF YOU MAKE
SAULEY SLIDE OFF
THE PATH INTO A
GHOST CIRCLE --

YOU'LL BOTH
PIE.

YEAH, YEAH,
RIGHT.
GHOST CIRCLES.
WHAT THE HECK
ARE THEY
ANYWAY?























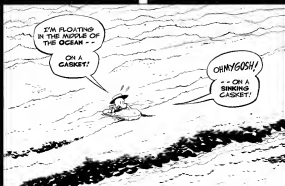






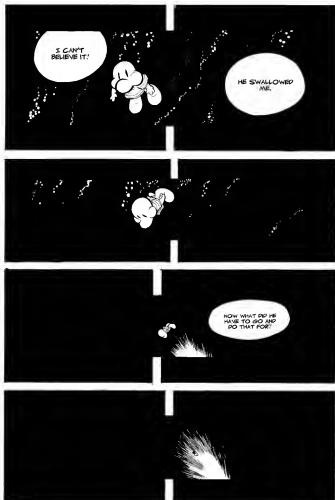














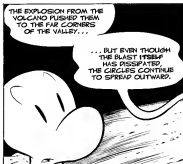


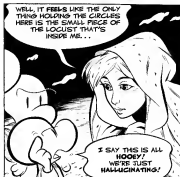


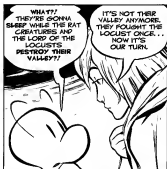
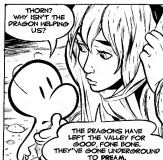


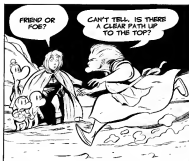


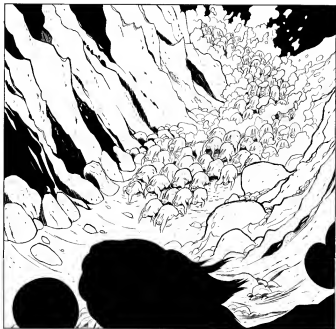


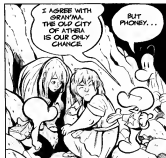


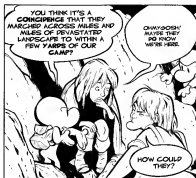






















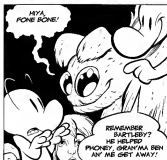


















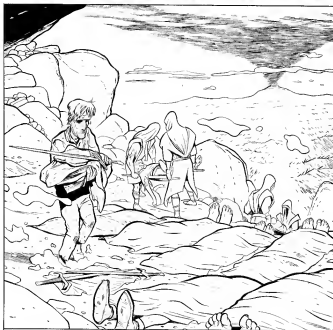
























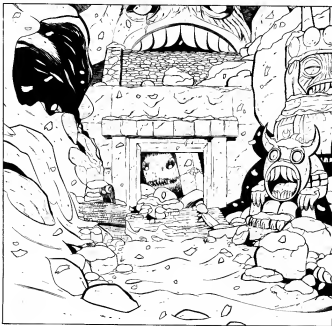




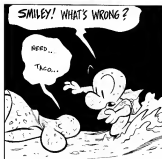
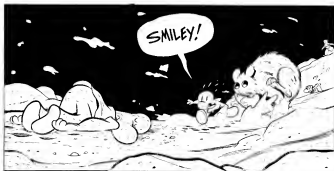








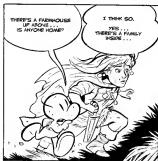




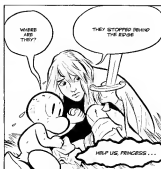




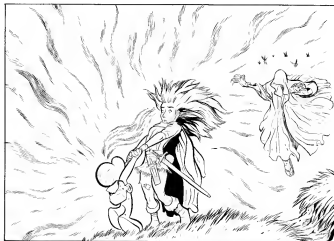




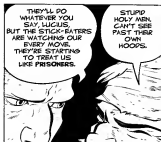




























BUT, GRAN'MA,
I THINK THIS IS
SERIOUS --

OF COURSE THIS IS
SERIOUS! SHE HAS
A PIECE OF THE
LOCUST INSIDE HER!



I KNOW SHE HAS A
PIECE OF THE
LOCUST
INSIDE HER --
THERE'S A PIECE
INSIDE ME, TOO.
REMEMBER?

THORN IS A
YEN-YAN-CARI,
BONE.
SHE'S FAR MORE
SENSITIVE TO EVIL
THAN YOU OR I.



THAT'S WHY
I'M WORRIED...
WHEN WE WERE INSIDE
THE GHOST CIRCLE,
IT FELT LIKE
SHE WAS TRYING TO
TAKE THE PIECE THAT WAS
INSIDE ME, AND PUT IT
INSIDE HERSELF!

WHAT?! DID SHE
TOUGH IT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU
SAY SOMETHING?



I AM
SAYING
SOMETHING --

... THE HOOPED
ONE ...
... IS COMING ...

WHAT WAS
THAT,
THORN?



THE HOOPED ONE ...
SHE KNOWS WHERE
WE ARE... SHE'S
COMING ...

HANG ON,
PEAR. THE CITY
OF ATHEIA ISN'T
FAR NOW.



COME ON, BONE.
ONCE WE CROSS THIS
GORGE, WE'LL
BE PAST THE
GHOST CIRCLES AND
SHE'LL BE IN LESS
DANGER.

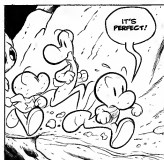
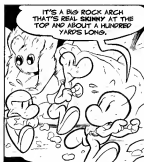
I CAN'T BELIEVE
WE'RE TRESPASSING ON
THE SACRED DRAGON
BURIAL GROUNDS
LIKE THIS.

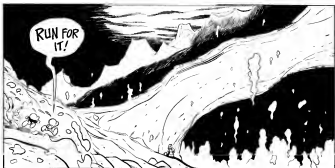


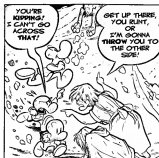






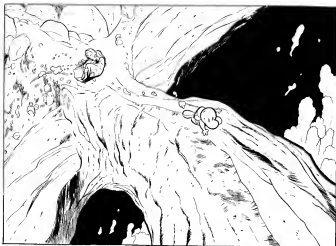






GET UP THERE,
YOU RUNT,
OR
I'M GONNA
THROW YOU TO
THE OTHER
SIDE!

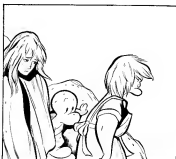


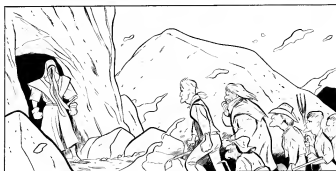
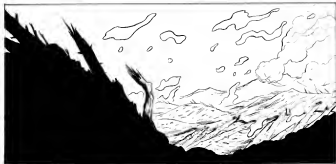








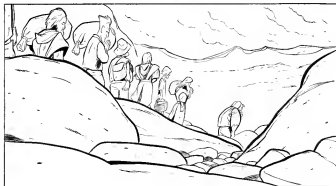


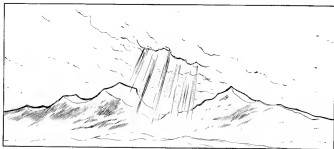






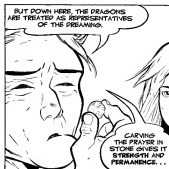


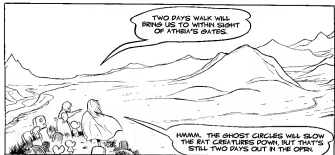














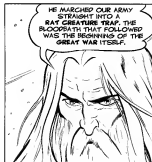


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Treasure Hunters



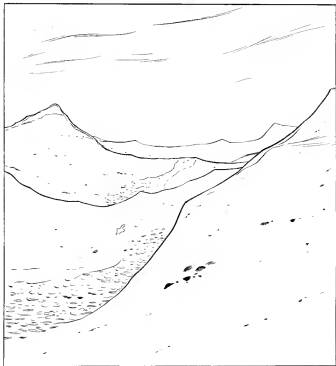


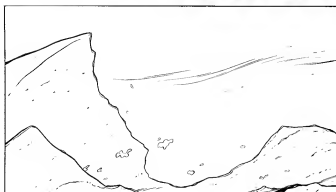








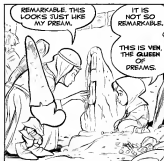
















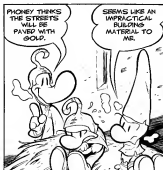






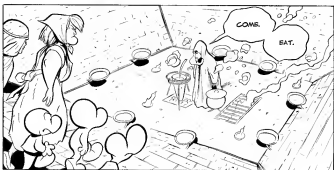
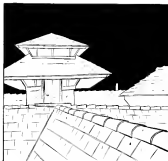














BONE

A DARKNESS
HAS
FALLEN
THAT
CANNOT
BE
LIFTED.

DANGER
BESETS US
FROM
WITHOUT
AND
WITHIN.

FATE HAS
DECREED
THAT THIS IS
YOUR
ROOM ...

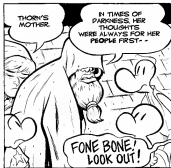
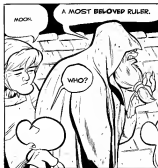
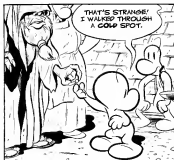
... FATE HAS DECREED
THAT THESE ARE THE
END TIMES AND YOU
MUST SUPPER.

FATE.
SCHMATE.

EH?
WHAT'S THAT?







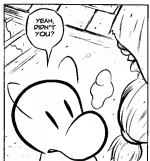
















THE
VEN-YAN-CAR!

SHE IS NOT WITH YOU . . .
... DOES SHE STILL OPPOSE US?

MORE THAN YOU KNOW, MY MASTER,
FOR I HAVE SEEN WITHIN HER HEART
THE NAME OF THE OBJECT YOU FEAR MOST . . .

HOW CAN
THIS
BE?

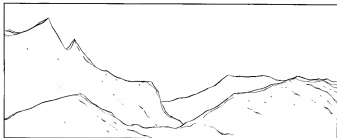
... THE CROWN OF HORNS . . .

SHE HAS PEERED WITHIN A GHOST CIRCLE
AND THE NAME WAS DELIVERED TO HER BY
HER DEAD MOTHER . . .

HOWEVER, SHE DOES NOT GRASP
ITS MEANING, NOR DOES SHE KNOW ITS
SECRET LOCATION

YOU WILL PREVENT
HER FROM LEARNING
THE SECRET.













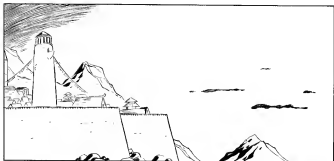


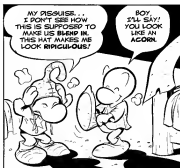
















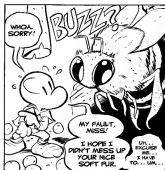


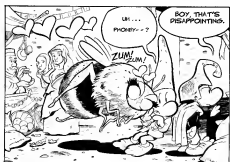
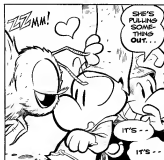
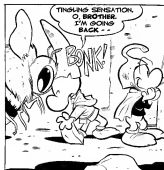


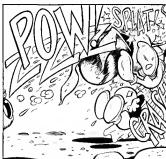


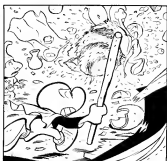




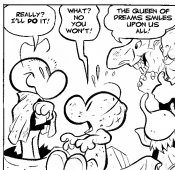




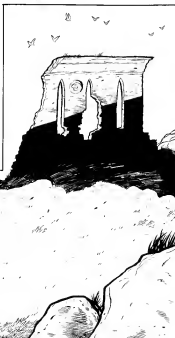


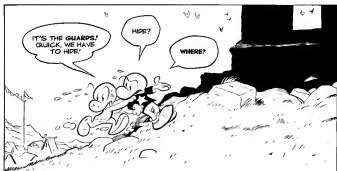


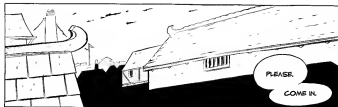










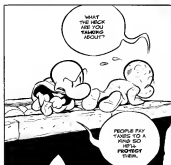
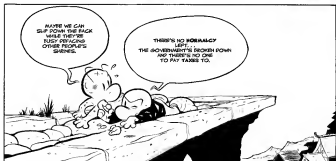












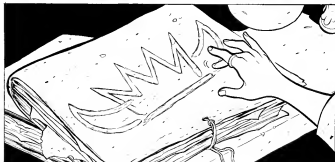






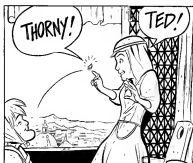






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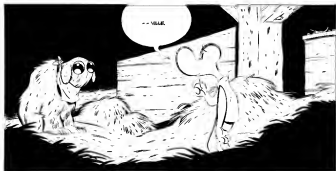
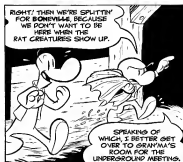


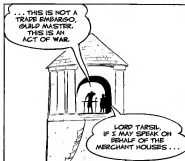












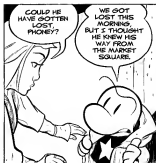










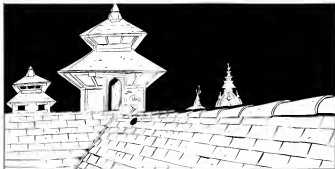


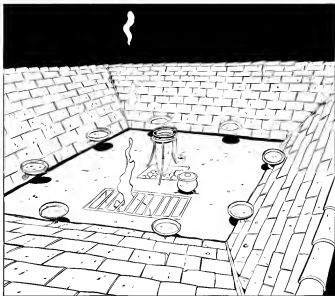












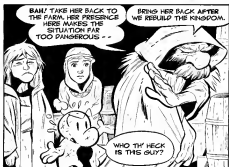








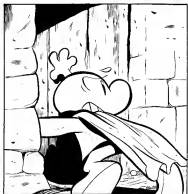






















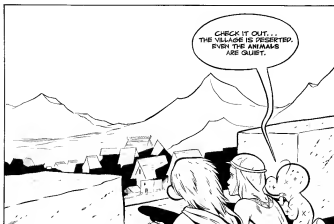


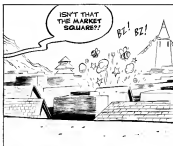




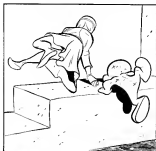
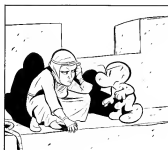


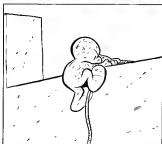
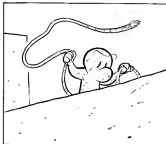


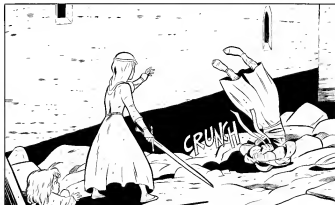
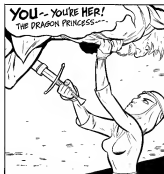


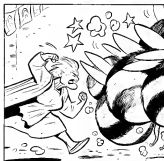


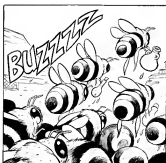






















Book Nine

Crown of Horns

BONE

THORN?

ARE YOU
OKAY?
WAKE UP!

SNICK!

SKITTER! SKITTER!























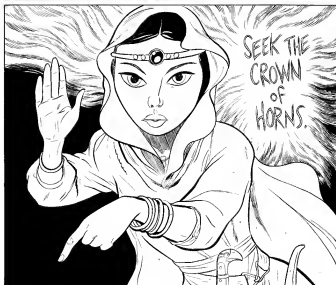


WE STILL HAVE A LONG
WAY TO GO. YOU MAY
CLIMB ON MY BACK.











THORN
ARE YOU
AWAKE?



WHA -- ?

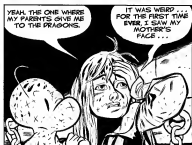
WHAT
HAPPENED?

TARSI'S SOLDIERS BEAT
THE TAR OUT OF US AND
LOCKED US IN THE DUNGEON.
YOU MUST'VE BLACKED OUT
OR SOMETHING.



I HAD THE
DREAM AGAIN.

SAME ONE YOU'VE
HAD SINCE YOU
WERE A KID?



YEAH, THE ONE WHERE
MY PARENTS GIVE ME
TO THE DRAGONS.

IT WAS WEIRD ...
FOR THE FIRST TIME
EVER, I SAW MY
MOTHER'S
FACE ...



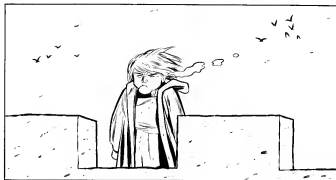
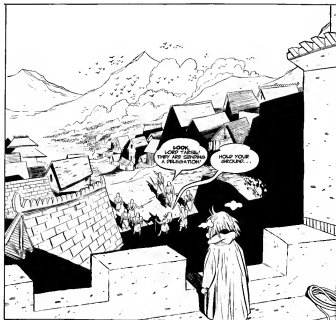


OH, FONE BONE.

WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO?



DON'T WORRY,
THORN, WE'LL
GET OUT OF THIS
OKAY --







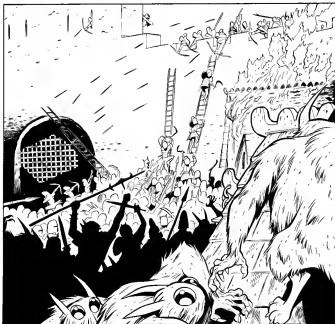


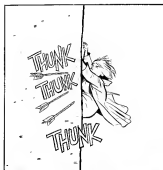








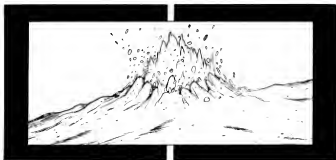


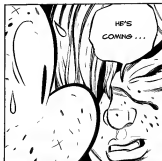


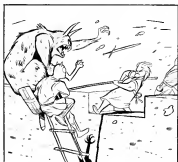
















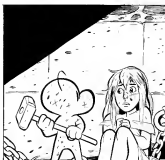
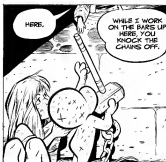










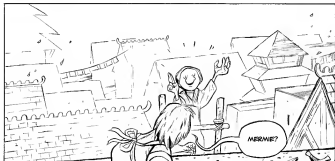
























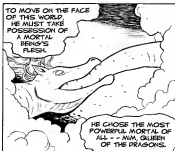


MIM WATCHED THE DREAMING WITH CARE,
AND ALL CREATURES LIVED TOGETHER IN
PEACE AND HARMONY.



UNTIL ONE DAY, A SPIRIT KNOWN
ONLY AS THE LOCUST BECAME UNHAPPY.

THE LOCUST WAS A NIGHTMARE
CREATURE WITHOUT SHAPE OR FORM
WHO COULD EXIST ONLY
IN THE SPIRIT WORLD.



TO MOVE ON THE FACE
OF THIS WORLD,
HE MUST TAKE
POSSESSION OF
A MORTAL
BEING'S FLESH.

HE CHOSE THE MOST
POWERFUL MORTAL OF
ALL -- MIM, QUEEN
OF THE DRAGONS.



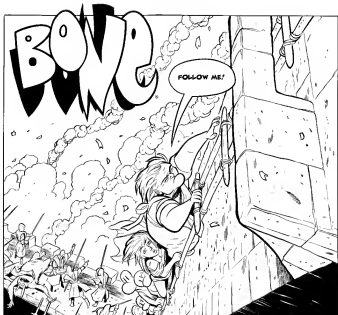
THE LOCUST ENTERED
HER MIND AND THE QUEEN
WENT MAD.

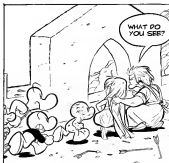
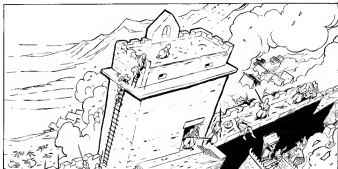
BALANCE
WAS LOST, AND
THE WORLD
GREW DARK.

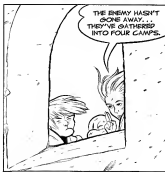
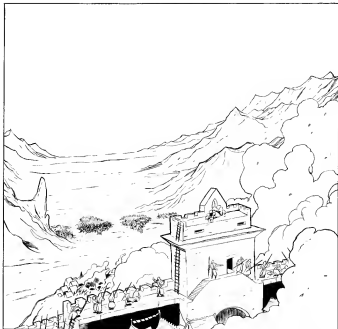
THE DREAM BECAME
A NIGHTMARE.



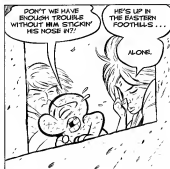


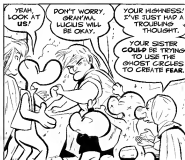
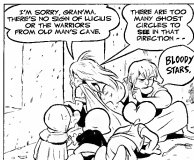


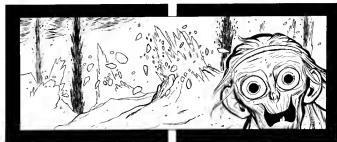


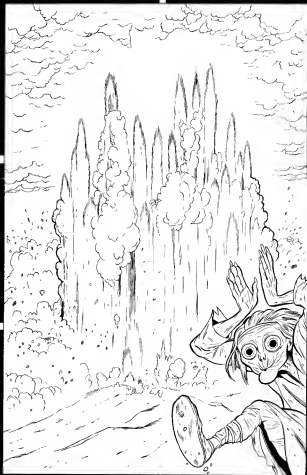




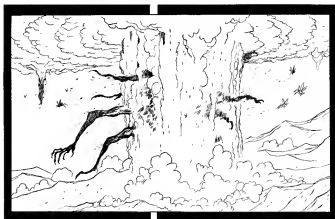






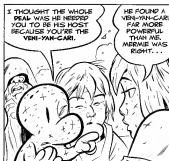


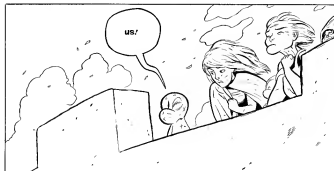


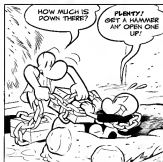


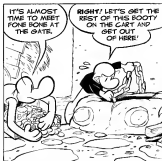


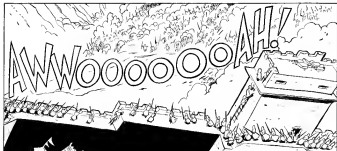


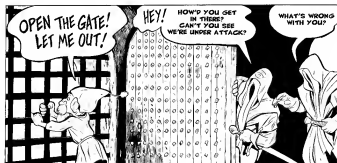


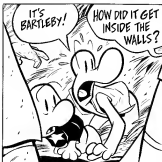
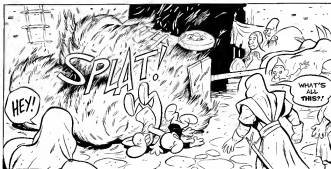


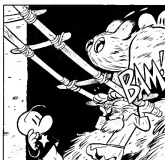


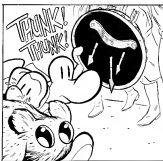




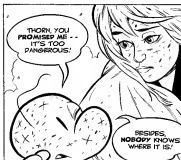




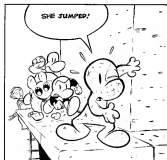
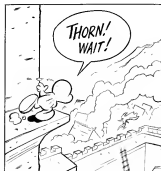




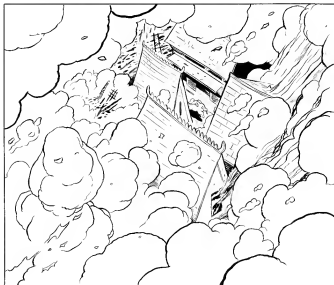
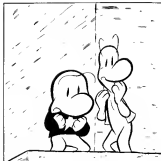
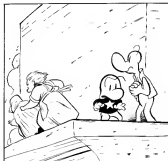






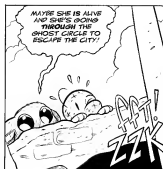


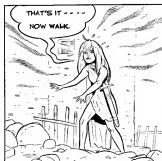






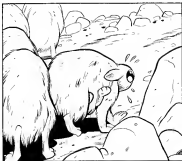


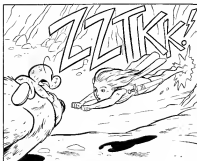














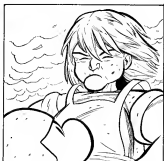


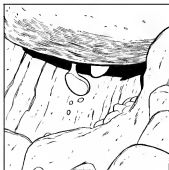






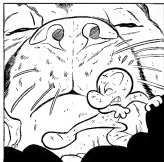
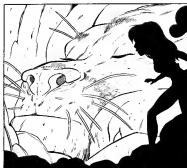


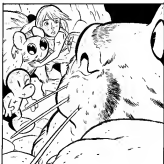


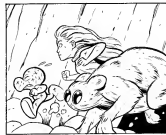










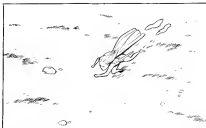


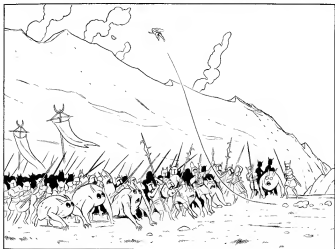








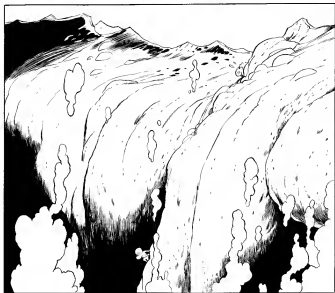


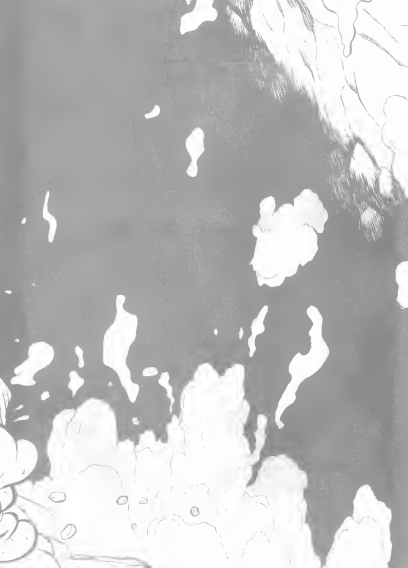












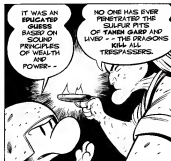


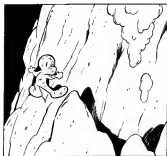
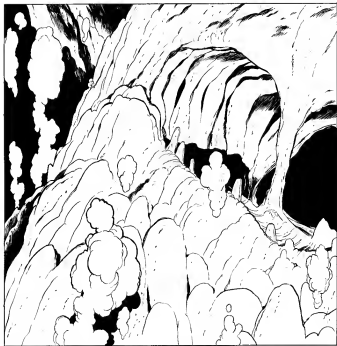


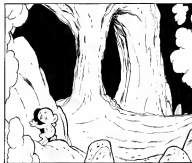
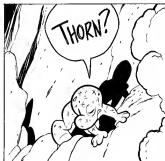




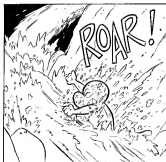
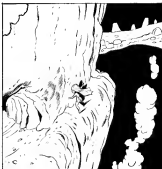




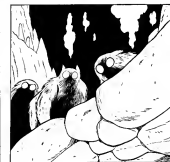
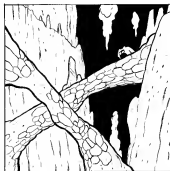
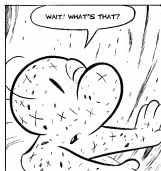










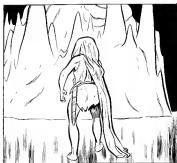




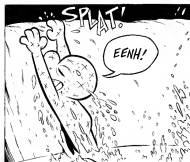


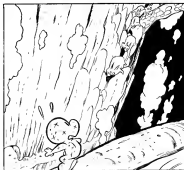


















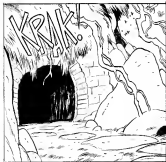
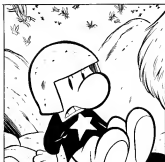






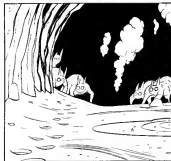




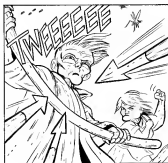














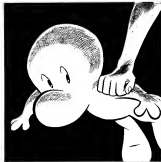




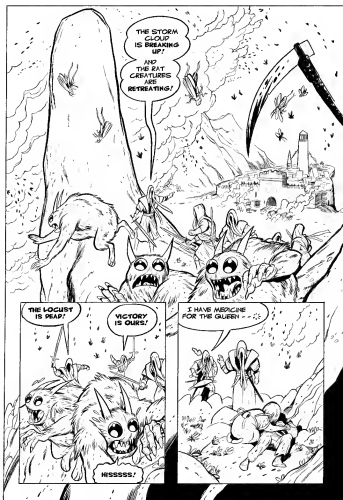










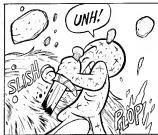




DID YOU HEAR THAT, LUCINDA? THE CHILDREN FOUND THE CROWN OF HORNS.













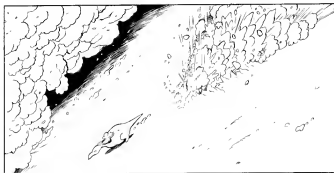
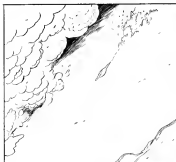




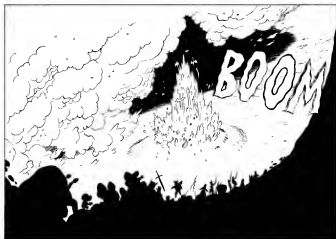


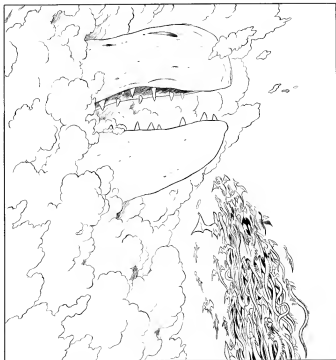


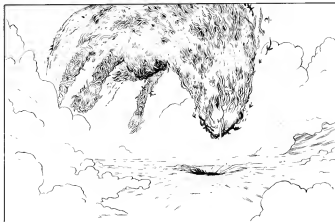


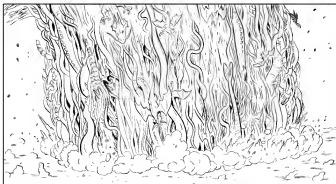


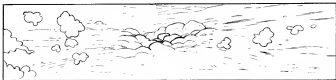


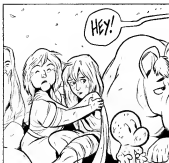


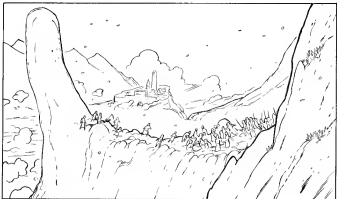
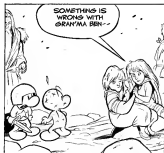






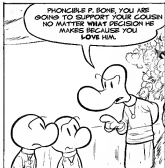






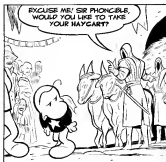




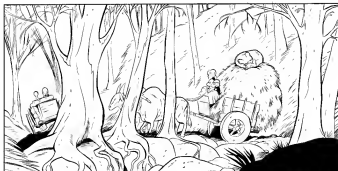


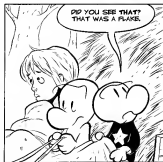
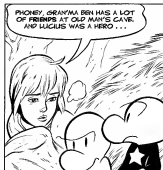


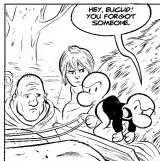


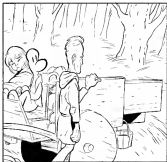


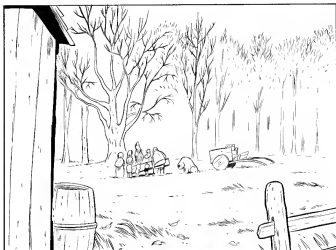


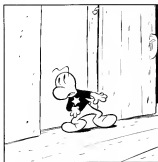
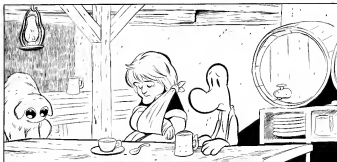




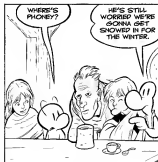
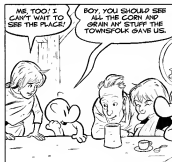


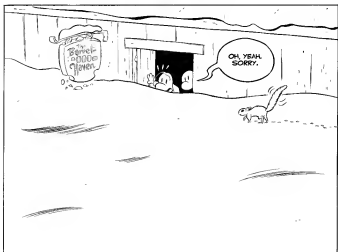














WE'RE
BACK!
AND WAIT'LL
YOU SEE THE
TREE THAT
BOME AND I
FOUND!

YOU GOT A
TREE, THORN?
YOU GUYS
USE A TREE TO
CELEBRATE
TH' WINTER
SOLSTICE?!

OF COURSE WE DO,
SNEEZY! BRINGING
AN EVERGREEN INTO
THE HOUSE ON THE
SHORTEST, DARKEST
DAY OF WINTER
IS A VERY
OLD TRADITION!

BOY, IS THAT
A RELIEF!
NOW WE
HAVE SOME-
WHERE TO
PUT OUR
PRIZES!

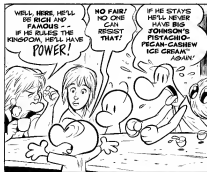
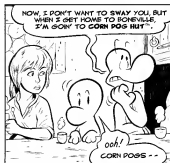
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MAKE SURE
THERE'S
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ROOM!

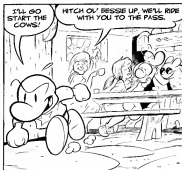
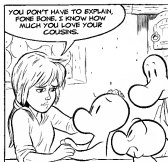
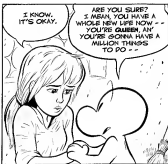


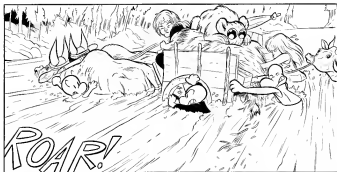


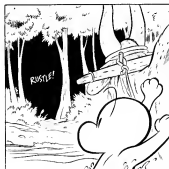




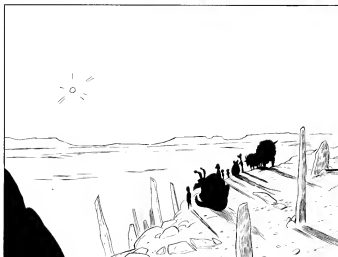


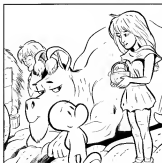


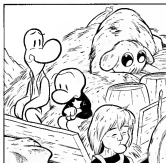
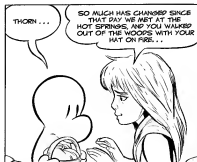


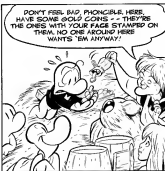


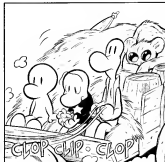
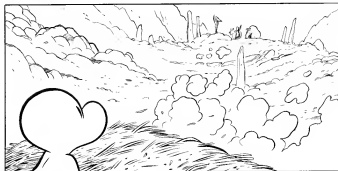


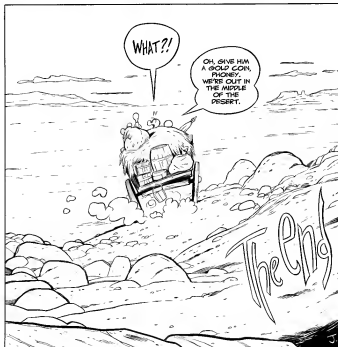








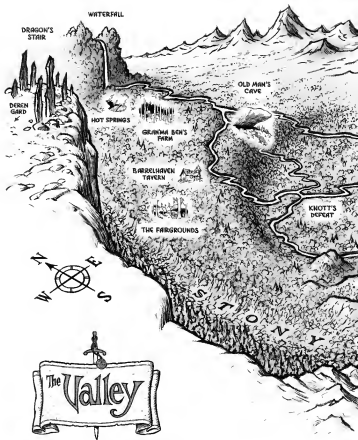






TANEAL'S SCULPTURE, QUEEN'S SQUARE, ATHEIA

Map
of the
Valley





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